

**City of Somerville, Massachusetts  
Matters of Business of the Board of Aldermen**

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

September 27, 2007, 7:00 PM  
Aldermanic Chambers  
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**OPENING OF THE MEETING**

1. Roll Call Call of the Roll.
2. Minutes Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting, August 9, 2007.

**CITATIONS**

3. Citation By Ald. Gewirtz and the Entire Board, Commending Greg Palmer on fifteen years of dedicated service to the Bicycle Committee and to all of Somerville's bicyclists.
4. Citation By Ald. Sullivan and the Entire Board, Commending the 2007 Sunsetters for entertaining all of Somerville this summer with their musical and dancing talents.
5. Citation By Ald. Pero and the Entire Board, Commending St. Ann's Parish as they conclude the celebration of their 125<sup>th</sup> year of religious and social ministry.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

6. Grant of Location GEI Consultants Inc. for a Grant of Location to install 3 monitoring wells on Franklin St.

**ORDERS, ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS  
AND MOTIONS OF MEMBERS**

7. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police monitor Atherton St. from 2:30-9:30PM for vehicles traveling the wrong way.
8. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Director of Traffic and Parking make recommendations to the Ward 3 Alderman for safer pedestrian crossings on Bow St.
9. Order By Ald. Taylor, That the Chief of Police order a Park and Walk Patrol at the Round House, at the corner of Atherton and Beech St., from 8PM-1AM, for break-ins and loitering.

10. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board requests that the Administration not place a bike rack at Cedar St. and the community path until a neighborhood meeting can be scheduled and all abutters notified.
11. Resolution By Ald. O'Donovan, That this Board requests that the Administration set up a meeting with SPCD and the Garden Club concerning the bike path.
12. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the City Engineer contact the Ward 5 Alderman concerning possible sidewalk construction on Murdock St.
13. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken street light at 19 Warwick St.
14. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works contact the Ward 5 Alderman with a schedule for the removal of the two short railroad tracks across Cedar St. at the bike path.
15. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works replace all broken sidewalk panels at the corners of Parker Pl. and Porter St.
16. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean all loose tar debris from Parker Pl. and level the private way with tar for the winter season.
17. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking replace all signs on Parker Pl.
18. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Commissioner of Public Works replace the street sign and pole for Parker Pl. by placing the new pole against the neighbor's wall facing Porter St.
19. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the tree at 224 Cedar St.
20. Order By Ald. O'Donovan, That the Director of SPCD instruct the contractors at 35R Lexington Ave. to enter and exit the area legally, according to the ONE WAY signs.
21. Order By Ald. Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair or replace the unlit streetlamp at the Field House at the intersection of College Ave. and Broadway.
22. Order By Ald. Connolly and Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the broken sidewalk panel at the rear entryway to the Ciampa Manor driveway.

23.     Order       By Ald. Connolly and Pero, That the Commissioner of Public Works repair the road between Jaques St. and Broadway.
  
24.     Order       By Ald. Sullivan and O'Donovan, That the Director of Traffic and Parking report to this Board the rules that govern the process for the residents' request for permit parking on Boston Ave.
  
25.     Order       By Ald. Sullivan and Taylor, That the Chief of Police monitor Prescott St. for speeding.
  
26.     Order       By Ald. Sullivan, O'Donovan, Desmond, White and Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking explore adding pedestrian crossings on Medford St. from Central St. to Broadway and report the findings to this Board.
  
27.     Order       By Ald. Sullivan, Roche, Desmond, White, Connolly and Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works meet with the Somerville Youth Soccer Executive Board to discuss the renovation of the soccer field at the Capuano School.
  
28.     Order       By Ald. Gewirtz, That the City Engineer report to the Ward 6 Alderman concerning the structural integrity of the new fence at the Brown School.
  
29.     Order       By Ald. Gewirtz, That the Commissioner of Public Works alternate the nighttime street sweeping program around Davis Sq. to cause less disruption to the neighbors.
  
30.     Resolution By Ald. Gewirtz, That this Board requests that the Administration review the parking policy during snow emergencies and plowing and that a system be implemented to alternate sides of the street for parking during snow emergencies each winter.
  
31.     Order       By Ald. Desmond, That the Director of Public Health and the Animal Control Officer research new contraception methods to control wildlife populations (such as skunks, possum, raccoons and pigeons) in urban areas and report recommendations back to this Board.
  
32.     Order       By Ald. Desmond and Gewirtz, That the Director of SPCD investigate an illegal garage use at Elston St.
  
33.     Resolution By Ald. Desmond and Roche, That this Board requests that the State Delegation contact the DCR Commissioner requesting a privacy barrier of any sort along the fence running on the east side of McGrath Hwy., from Chester Ave. north over the Railroad Bridge to where McGrath Hwy. would meet Gilman St.

34. Order By Ald. Desmond and Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking appear before this Board to discuss ticketing processes and policies, what they are expected to achieve and whether enforcement is becoming excessive.
35. Order By Ald. Desmond, O'Donovan, Heuston and Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Communications notify residents via the Connect CTY system, anytime NStar will be in their neighborhoods trimming tree limbs away from electrical wires and have the NStar arborist available to answer any questions or concerns the neighbors might have.
36. Order By Ald. Desmond, Roche, Sullivan and Connolly, That the Director of Environmental Affairs keep parents and guardians of all children attending the Capuano School, and all staff working there, informed of all activities and findings for the contaminated site at 50 Tufts St.
37. Order By Ald. Desmond, Roche, Sullivan and Connolly, That the Director of Environmental Affairs and the Director of Information Technology immediately post and update on the city web site all information, findings and plans pertaining to the contaminated site at 50 Tufts St.
38. Order By Ald. Desmond, Taylor and Connolly, That the City Solicitor or the appropriate city officer place a lien on 2 Benton Rd. until all money owed to the city for taxes, fines, cleanup and maintenance is paid in full.
39. Order By Ald. Desmond, Taylor and Connolly, That the Commissioner of Public Works clean 2 Benton Rd. and bill the owner for all work performed.
40. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking evaluate parking at the intersection of Washington and Beacon Sts. to determine the need for signage restricting parking at the corners in pedestrian walkways.
41. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of SPCD establish, via the Connect CTY system, additional notification to residents regarding scheduled demolition of buildings within 500 feet of their residences.
42. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Commissioner of Public Works trim the trees at 106-108 Beacon St.
43. Order By Ald. Heuston, That the Director of Traffic and Parking establish a Right Turn Only lane at the intersection of Medford St. and McGrath Hwy. and install RIGHT ON RED signage.

44. Order By Ald. White, That the City Solicitor and the Director of Finance advise this Board on the potential impact of the Superior Court decision enjoining Springfield's trash fee.
45. Order By Ald. White, That the City's Environmental Coordinator and a representative of the City Solicitor's Office appear before the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to discuss the Public Safety Building.
46. Order By Ald. White, That the Director of Finance provide this Board with a summary of the Governor's proposed Municipal Partnership Act to reduce health care costs, and its potential impact on the City.
47. Order By Ald. Taylor, White, Sullivan and Roche, That the Commissioner of Public Works install a bench at the Bus Stop at 125 Highland Ave.
48. Order By Ald. Taylor, White, Sullivan and Roche, That the Chief of Police place Highland Gardens (114 Highland Ave.) on a regular patrol for the Ward 3 Patrol Car, paying special attention to the residents' parking lot, from 8PM-2AM.
49. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Chief of Police order speed enforcement on Paulina St. and Simpson Ave., particularly during the evening rush hour.
50. Order By Ald. Trane, That the Commissioner of Public Works make immediate repairs to, or replace, the wheelchair lift at the Traffic and Parking Dept. on Holland St.
51. Resolution By Ald. Trane, That this Board requests that the Mayor work with the Ward 7 Alderman to form a reuse committee of community members to explore uses for the Powderhouse School.
52. Resolution By Ald. Trane, That this Board requests that the Traffic Commission review the fine structure for vehicles parking in bus stops, as this offense is causing serious problems for seniors and individuals with physical issues when boarding buses across the entire city.
53. Order By Ald. Trane and Connolly, That the Director of Traffic and Parking review all pedestrian signal activation devices at the Powderhouse Rotary to ensure they are operating properly and are placed so that pedestrians may cross safely from all locations.

54. Order By Ald. Trane and Desmond, That the Director of Purchasing and the Chief Information Officer work to adopt and use the Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool for all future computer and monitor purchases.
55. Resolution By Ald. Roche, That this Board requests that the Mayor's office update the Ward 1 Alderman and all Aldermen At Large, on the vagrants behind Broadway Brake and adjacent to I-93.
56. Order By Ald. Roche, That the Director of Traffic and Parking and the Commissioner of Public Works coordinate a traffic signal upgrade at Highland Ave. and Medford St. as the current temporary set up is not effective.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

57. Extended Retail Hrs Circuit City Stores Inc. for an Extended Retail Hours Permit, 65 Mystic Ave., Sept. 24 9PM - Sept. 25 2AM only—#183980 (Reconsideration filed by Ald. Roche).

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

58. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Licenses & Permits, Sept. 26.
59. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Senior Services, Sept. 26.
60. Committee Report Report of the Committee on Confirmation of Appointments, Sept. 27.

### **COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MAYOR**

61. Mayor's Request Requesting acceptance of MGL c31 s58A, to place age restrictions on new police officers and firefighters.
62. Mayor's Request Requesting approval for the use of \$18,621 in available funds in the SomerStat Salaries Acct. to extend a ResiStat Analyst from 25 hours/week to full-time.
63. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$8,000 from the MA Cultural Council for FY08 for the Arts Council Books of Hope Program.
64. Mayor's Request Requesting approval to expend a grant of \$6,000 from the MA Cultural Council for FY08 for programming.
65. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Elizabeth Craveiro to the position of City Treasurer/Collector.

- 66. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Kenneth Joyce to the position of Municipal Hearing Officer.
- 67. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Cheryl Horan and John O'Leary to the Council on Aging
- 68. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Edward M. Marquardo to the Fair Housing Commission.
- 69. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Renate Harrison to the Fair Housing Commission.
- 70. Mayor's Request Requesting the appointment of Ashraf Hegazy to the Human Rights Commission.

### **COMMUNICATIONS OF CITY OFFICERS**

- 71. Officer's Comm. Director of SPCD responding to various Board orders.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 72. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Willow Ave. Block Party, Oct. 14, Noon-6PM.
- 73. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Jason Dedrick Road Race, Cedar St. to Hodgkins Park, Nov. 3, 10-2PM.
- 74. Public Occ Public Occupancy Permit, Bill Rodgers Jingle Bell Run, Davis Sq., Dec. 19, 4PM.
- 75. Drainlayer New Drain Layer's License, Podgurski Corp.
- 76. Amusemt Devices Sunstar Vending Inc., at Laundromax, 630A Somerville Ave., 5 devices.
- 77. Ordinance Ten Registered Voters submitting an Ordinance to provide a procedure for a Special Permit to be revoked.
- 78. Ordinance Ten Registered Voters submitting an Ordinance to prevent issuance of a Building Permit when taxes are overdue or a lien on a property has not been disclosed.

### **LATE ITEMS**